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Cech et al.

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CATALYTIC SUBUNIT

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SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered without prejudice.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 23-40.

Please add New Claims 41-57 as follows:

41. A method of increasing the proliferative capacity of a mammalian cell, comprising introducing into the cell a recombinant polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid

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